

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(Called by the Mayor)**

June 11, 2001

Immediately Upon Conclusion of Cmte. on Finance

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were twelve Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea,
Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann

Absent: Aldermen Sysyn and Clancy

Mayor Baines stated, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is an honor for me this evening to place the nomination of Virginia Lamberton as the new Human Resources Director. Having served as Director of Personnel for the State of New Hampshire from 1987 until 1999 Ms. Lamberton is a Human Resources professional and for the past two years has served as Assistant Director of the New Hampshire DCYS, she brings a wealth of experience including management of a \$400 million personnel budget and oversight of the personnel benefit program and I've attached a copy of her resume for your review and I'd ask at this time for a motion to confirm this nomination.

Alderman Lopez moved to suspend the rules and confirm the nomination of Virginia Lamberton as the Human Resources Director. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I have noticed on the resume that she was probably at the pinnacle of a Personnel Director in the State of New Hampshire could be for 12 years, but for the last two years seems to be in a position that looks to me like it's a lesser position. I wonder if it would be appropriate to ask why.

Mayor Baines replied the only thing is that the Governor has the prerogative to make a change. She made a change, she was recruited for the present position. I talked to Commissioner Shumway who actually recruited Ms. Lamberton for this position and was highly complimentary and gave her accolades in terms of the job she has performed and that is the nature of government...there are changes with governors and that occurs at the State level as anybody who works at the State level knows.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated she served several governors well for 12 years and the current governor decided that she no longer should serve in that position.

Mayor Baines reiterated that is the nature of government and I am presenting to you a highly qualified nominee highly recommended and I ask the Board to confirm this nomination.

Alderman Levasseur asked has she ever watched any of these meetings on TV.

Mayor Baines stated I was worried during this meeting, I turned over to Alderman Wihby at one time and said I hope she doesn't leave. She's also an elected official and she knows what it's like to serve. I feel very fortunate to have someone of this caliber to bring before you.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated hopefully a new Mayor wouldn't do something like what the new governor did to her.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion to suspend the rules and confirm the nomination of Virginia Lamberton as the Human Resources Director. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines stated she will begin on July 9th and I want to publicly commend Howard Tawney and the Human Resources Department staff for the commendable job that was done and I'd like to publicly thank him for a job well-done. Howard is the consummate professional and I enjoyed working with him and will continue to enjoy working with him.

There being no further business to come before the special meeting, on motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman Cashin, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk